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IMPERIAL WIRELESS SERVICE.

Lord Burnham, who introduced a deputation to the Post Master General, representative of the whole press of the British Empire, said that press rates at present existed in name only. Trans-Atlantic deferred messages were useless. It was particularly desirable that the Government's wireless policy should be known. Sir George Riddell mentioned that the English Press was constantly reproached for publishing insufficient Dominion news. After the speeches of the various representatives of the Dominions Press, Mr. Hingworth said that the Imperial wireless chain scheme was progressing and he hoped that the service to Cairo would be working next May, thence to Nairobi, and Windhoek. India, Singapore, Hongkong, and Australia would be included in the circuit. The various Dominion governments were being consulted in the matter. The Government would control wireless within the dominions. Efforts were being made to improve the apparatus and to speed up cable services. The Government attached great importance to prompt and cheap communication in the whole Empire but he was unable to make a definite statement regarding policy. He welcomed the formation of a committee representing the Press, the Stock Exchange, the Baltic Exchange, Lloyd's, and other big cable users which would be able to consult and advise the Government.

FARROW'S BANK

NEW DISCLOSURES REGARDING SENSATIONAL FAILURE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY FEATURE.

LONDON, January 19.

New disclosures regarding the failure of Farrow's Bank were made at the Guildhall to-day when the directors Farrow, Crotch, and Hart were brought up. The prosecutor stated that the discovery of the bank's true position was made by a New York firm, Norton and Co., which had concluded an agreement to take over control of the bank paying £500,000, of which £100,000 was payable in compensation to the retiring directors. Mr. Read, Norton's London manager, who was elected to the management of Farrow's Bank last October, started an investigation the result of which was that the bank was proved hopelessly insolvent. After that the agreement was cancelled and the matter submitted to the Board of Trade and the Treasury. The prosecutor said that except in 1908 the Bank made nothing, but there were losses totalling over £1,000,000, apart from depreciation in the value of securities. The total deficiency was estimated at £2,800,000. An extraordinary feature was the huge debit balances standing against the names of the directors.

DEMPEY AND CARPENTIER.

BIG FIGHT NOT DEFINITELY DECLARED OFF.

OFFER FROM ENGLAND.

NEW YORK, January 19.

The promoters of the Dempsey-Carpentier fight deny that the match has been definitely declared off. It is stated that the fight will probably be held in America next summer.

LONDON, January 19.

Mr. C. B. Cochran states that if it is true that the Carpentier-Dempsey match in America has been abandoned he is prepared to give a purse of £100,000 for the men to box in England in June.

NEW YORK, January 19.

Jack Keams and Tex Rickard express the opinion that it may be necessary to stage the fight outside the United States owing to the proposal of the Boxing Commission to limit the admission charge to \$15. The date July 2 which was fixed however still stands.

MEXICAN DAM BURSTS.

IMPORTANT SILVER MINING TOWN FLOODED.

MANY CASUALTIES REPORTED.

MEXICO CITY, January 19.

A dam collapsed at Pachuca where a sixth of Mexico's silver is produced. The town was flooded. It is estimated that 100 people were drowned and 200 injured while 1,000 are homeless.

Later.

Most of the mines at Pachuca are on a high level but four on the lower level were immediately flooded. When the dam burst the men were at work. Doctors and nurses with medical supplies are hurrying to Pachuca.

IRISH POLICEMEN

HOW THEY ARE BRUTALLY MURDERED.

GRAPHIC OFFICIAL STORY.

LONDON, January 19.

The manner in which unfortunate policemen in Ireland are brutally murdered is graphically shown in the official Dublin story of the death of a policeman named Boyd. He was sitting in a village inn quietly drinking a glass of beer and talking to two women when suddenly four shots rang out killing him instantly and smashing the glass of beer to atoms, also wounding one woman in the leg. Nobody saw the murderers who escaped. As a result of this murder and other attacks on the police, all fairs, markets and public assemblies in the various districts of County Tipperary have been forbidden.

DISASTROUS AMERICAN FIRE.

WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, January 19.

Damage estimated at over \$2,000,000 was caused by a fire in the business quarter which spread over a radius of a mile. As far as is known there were no fatalities.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/10 15/16
To-day's opening rate 2/11 3/16

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

WAGES REDUCTION.

LONDON, January 19th.

The workers in several smaller industries have recently accepted reductions in wages or relinquished the increases to which they were entitled under agreement in order to enable business to be carried on. For example, the hematite miners in Furness have agreed to work on wages based on the current selling prices, instead of the higher prices ruling in November and December. It is hoped that this will enable some mines to re-open.

It is expected that this question will be discussed at the forthcoming conference of iron and steel employers and workmen. In view of the collapse of the iron and steel market the occupations in which wages are governed by sliding scales will be automatically affected.

The Board of Trade figures are showing a continued reduction in the cost of living.

LONDON, January 19th.

The Times' New York correspondent says that with two million unemployed the American industry is re-starting work this week on a reduced wage scale. The most notable reduction is 25 per cent. in the textile industries. The public is already being benefited by the reduced prices of clothing, boots and bread.

A message from Pittsburgh says that the Pennsylvania Railroad proposes, unless the workers agree to cease work one day every 4, to reduce the staff 20 per cent.

REPARATIONS PROBLEM.

LONDON, January 19th.

In connection with the arrival in Paris of Herr Bergmann, the German delegate to the Reparations Commission, who is negotiating with the Allied representatives and apparently endeavoring to create differences of opinion between the Allies, it is authoritatively pointed out that this is the Germans' last opportunity of submitting their own reparations proposals to the Allies. The Allies' demands are in no way unreasonable. Already, great concessions have been made, and unless something is done now, a settlement may be reached over the head of the Germans.

NEW FRENCH MINISTRY.

PARIS, January 19th.

The Briand Cabinet includes a new Minister of Physical Education and sports. The ex-footballer, Vidal, President of the Sports Union of France, has been appointed to be the new Minister.

THIRD TEST MATCH.

ADELAIDE, January 19th.

Australia made 582 runs in the second innings, Kelleway contributing 147, Pelley 105 and Gregory 78. Unfinished. England has made 66 for the loss of one wicket, Hobbs having 50 unfinished to his credit.

DEMPEY-CARPENTIER MATCH.

LONDON, January 19th.

The New York correspondent of the Times says that the Dempsey-Carpentier match is definitely off, owing to the principals failing to deposit the forfeits.

"YELLOW PERIL."

LONDON, January 19th.

In a letter to the Times, Mr. Frederic Coleman says that facts do not support Mr. Samuel McClure's theories. His work and investigation in Japan led him to think that world conquest by Japan was so remote a possibility that time was wasted in planning to thwart it. Western civilization to-day was faced with far greater menaces than any future Yellow Peril.

"MONEY OR I DIE."

STRANGE SUICIDE THREAT.

EXTRAORDINARY ALLEGATIONS.

That a defaulting financier obtained an allowance from his creditors by threatening to commit suicide was the extraordinary allegation made in a Paris court.

The case concerned a British subject who caused a great sensation in Paris before the war by disappearing with 800,000 francs collected from credulous investors in an establishment founded by him.

He was arrested on board his yacht, but had time to invest his takings in life annuities.

Since then his British and French creditors have been able to share an income of 80,000 francs, but as the investment is subject to the existence of the debtor, the latter threatened to take his life if he were not given a share.

The British creditors decided to allow him £130 per annum, and his demand for a similar sum from his French clients came before a Paris court.

In order to save "the goose that lays the golden eggs" the French creditors gave way.

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BIRTHS.

HEARNE.—On January 12, 1921, at
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. W.
H. Hearne, a son.
ROBERTSON.—On January 13,
1921, at Shanghai, to Mr. and
Mrs. W. M. Robertson, a son.

MARRIAGE.

DE LA RUE—LUCAS.—On Janu-
ary 14, 1921, at Shanghai, Marie
de La Rue (of Guernsey), to
Frederick Charles Lucas.

DEATH.

KIRK.—On January 14, 1921, at
Shanghai, Hannah, widow of the
late James Kirk, in her 76th
year.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JAN. 23, 1921.

CANTONESE POLITICS.

We do believe them honest, these
men who have regained control of
the government of Kwangtung, but
we fear they are impractical. Sun
Yat-sen we know as a man who
would "mould things nearer to his
heart's desire," always on paper.
He kicks against the price of hard
facts, also on paper. How he can
tolerate a military government,
with his ideas and ideals, we do
not know, unless it is that a hard
fact has got him at last. The
"Administrative Directors," in
which we presume he is included,
have sent us a statement, which
gives us these thoughts. It is a
very logical statement, so far as it
does not ignore facts. It is full of
beautiful and good reasoning, but
it forgets that facts are chief, that
winning. There was a charac-

ter in one of Lewis Carroll's bird-
songs who said that any statement
made three times must be true.
These Administrative Directors
seem to share the characteristic
Chinese delusion that any state-
ment manifestly true should be suf-
ficient. It often isn't. What the
lamb said to the wolf was quite
true, but it overlooked the tre-
mendous fact that it was mutton
and the wolf a carnivore. It may
be hard lines for a blind man to
be struck by lightning, but light-
ning is no respecter of persons.
Job may be a very good man, and
yet be afflicted with boils. Kwang-
tung may have justice in its claim
to separate its share of the Mar-
itime Customs from Peking control,
but while Peking is "recognized"
by the Powers, and Kwangtung
not, what's the use of talking?

On Jan. 15 the Military Govern-
ment (presumably with the ap-
proval of these Administrative
Directors) "ordered" that the
Chinese Maritime Customs service,
functioning in the provinces under
its orders and control as from
February 1. Let us grant that
Peking has no voice in the matter,
not because it has none, but for
the sake of argument. There are
still others who will have much to
say. These Administrative Direc-
tors know it. They think they have
met this point with argument.
They claim that the present "or-
der" will not in the least affect
the present personnel nor the rules
of the service; and that the inter-
ests of the foreign creditors will
not be jeopardized. This is a
gratuitous assurance if the order is
in fact an order, and it is insuffi-
cient if the order is merely a pro-
posal. Those foreign creditors will
require to be satisfied. The extra-
ordinary thing about it is that it
more or less unconsciously recog-
nizes the rights of the Peking
authorities, by stating that the
revenue from the south-western pro-
vinces will bear "a proportionate
share of the burden" of foreign

debt as first charge. If they are
ready to be partners with Peking
in a debt, it is difficult to see why
they are so unready for partnership
in administration. They claim
that Peking has no sincere desire
to effect the unification of the
country, which implies that they
themselves have. This "order"
does not look like tending to uni-
fication, does it? Yet they, the
members of the Military Govern-
ment, "yield to none" in the
desire for unification. It is be-
cause Peking is "helpless" that
they "see no reason why they
should not do what they can to
organize and reform the provinces
under their jurisdiction, and to
arouse and awaken the country at
large to work out its own salva-
tion." This reads as if they
mean, by the power of example,
to coax other provinces into seces-
sion as a step to ultimate uni-
fication. As we have said, we do not
doubt their honesty of purpose, but
we doubt their power to succeed.
The tangle is too great for theories
or beatitudes. The new Govern-
ment, "surrounded by a host of
creditors," boasts that it has
"abolished gambling" by sacrific-
ing a revenue of ten million dollars.
We are quite prepared to find that
it has sacrificed all that revenue
without really abolishing gambling.
They boast that they have abol-
ished the Tobacco, yet they confess
to a military government. Now
they propose, with a vanished re-
venue, and with a host of creditors
surrounding them, to increase
the appropriations for education,
"which has of late been shame-
fully neglected." That is not the
way to establish a government, or
to restore order and prosperity. It
would, as they point out, be absurd
and anomalous were the Customs
to collect from these provinces
money to be expended by Peking,
but is it quite correct to suggest
that this has been done? We were
under the impression that their
contribution or participation had been
withheld from Peking. Indeed, if
the disbandment of troops they
boast of was not partly effected
with money collected by the Mar-
itime Customs, we shall be sur-
prised to hear it. However this
may be, we cannot see how the
order of January 15 is going to
mend matters, nor whom this latest
statement is going to convince. It
will not impress Peking. It will
leave the interested Legations
cold. As for the main body of
Chinese public opinion, who can
answer for it? It is doubtful even
if this statement can reach it.
Issued at Canton on Tuesday of
this week, in the name of the
whole Government, it appears to
us very like the sort of highfalutin
pronouncement that Sun Yat-sen
might produce after taking tea with
an enthusiastic and well-meaning
missionary. Something much more
statesmanlike is needed. Definite
proposals for two Chinese Repub-
lics, north and south, to be "re-
cognized" by the foreign Powers
who play tutor to China, might
have been a likely preliminary to
this "order," which otherwise
seems so much "hot air." That
this, or something like it, was in
the mind of the drafter, we get
from the assurance in the perora-
tion, that their "programme" in-
cludes "self government for the
districts." That points to auto-
nomy for the provinces, which
shuts out unification. The China
Mail does not believe in the pos-
sibility of unification, except, as
under the Manchus, under some
alien autocracy. No good Chinese
should want that. Therefore it
would seem they should drop all
the humbug about unification, and
concentrate on reasonable, natural,
or at any rate workable divisions.
With so many self-determining
small nations set up as a result of
the European war, it is not quite
unthinkable that huge China
should develop better as two (or
more) small nations. Failing peace
by this means, the hostility be-
tween north and south promises to
last as long, and to give quite as
much trouble, as that between
Ireland and England. If these
Administrative Directors were to
drop the talk of unification (in
which they represent the tail wag-
ging the dog) to stand boldly for
Home Rule for the southern pro-
vinces, and to work for foreign
recognition thereof, they might get
on better. Certainly before they
throw away ten millions a year
to cure the Chinese of something
incurable, and before they issue
"orders" that involve the inter-
ests of those powerful enough to
issue counter-orders, they would
do better to establish themselves
thoroughly, to consolidate their
position, to arrange that revenue
and programme should be inde-
pendent, and, in general, to walk
before they run. They express
concern in this statement regard-
ing "foreign public opinion." We
submit these reflections as a sample
of what they may expect.

CURE THAT COUGH.

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cough, it does not mean that you
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Preparations are now being
made to hold an Industrial Exhi-
bition in Nanking next March, says
the Chinese press.

A Chinese press telegram states
that a great fire took place in Lu-
chow, Kuangai, on the 12th instant.
More than 1,000 houses were burnt.

The Berlin postal authorities
have returned a letter addressed
"Her Royal Highness Princess
Henry," curtly endorsing the envelope
"Address 'Frau'. Royalties no longer
exist in Germany."

One of the three men reported
to have been kidnapped by a gang of
robbers in Linfai village, Aotao, on
Monday night, has been released by
the robbers. He is unable to give
any information concerning the other
two men.

Friends of Mr. Hughes, the
Australian Prime Minister, who were
alarmed lest he would have to pay
income-tax on his admirer's gift of
£25,000, have been reassured by
taxation officials, who state that
money presents are not taxable.

Dr. Solf, German Minister at
Tokyo, has published a book entitled
"Africa for Europe," in which he
advocates the distribution of Africa
among the European States, includ-
ing Germany, in accordance with
their colonizing capacity.

While on the roof of his house
in Bonham Strand yesterday an
elderly Chinese overbalanced himself
and fell into the road below. He
was picked up unconscious and re-
moved to the Tung Wah Hospital
where he died soon after admittance.

Charged, at the instance of Sergt
Carpenter, of Bay View Police Station,
with unlawful possession of non-
Government opium, and with prepar-
ing opium, a Chinese was this morn-
ing convicted by Magistrate Orme
and sentenced to one month's im-
prisonment with hard labour on the
first charge, and five months on the
other, the sentences to run
concurrently.

The Massachusetts Osteopathic
Society is promoting a Bill to be
pushed through the State Legislature
limiting the heels of all footwear to
1 1/2 in. in height. The measure, says
the *Daily News* New York corres-
pondent, has an influential backing
and it is believed that it will become
law in due course. Severe penalties
will be imposed in every case where
the heel exceeds 1 1/2 in. in height.

Le Temps commenting on the
Japanese decorations that were con-
ferred at Rome through the Japanese
Embassy on the Commander General
of Italian aeronautics and other
officers, who instructed the Japanese
Aviation personnel during the War,
says that the much sought after
decorations would further strengthen
the bonds that existed between the
Japanese and Italian Flying Corps,
being now a demonstration of that
sympathy from the Japanese people
towards ours which appeared so
spontaneous and enthusiastic on the
occasion of the Rome-Tokyo fight.

A Chinese charged before Magis-
trate Lindsell this morning with
unlawfully hawking without licence,
said that he had to hawk in order to
get money to buy food. The Magis-
trate: You are an able-bodied man
and should find other work. De-fendant:
I used to work at the dock as a
paint scraper. I have met with two
accidents while at work on ships,
and after the second accident my
friends told me that the fall had
affected my mind, and advised me to
take up the less risky profession of
a hawker. The Magistrate imposed
a fine of \$4, and advised the accused
to find some other work.

Mariners are notified by the
Shanghai Harbour Master that the
position of the wreck of the s.s.
"Hainan" is as follows:—From the
wreck South-east, Shantung Pro-
mptory Light-house bears S. 78 deg.
W., magnetic, distant 15 miles. The
wreck lies in about 9 fathoms of
water with her masts and top of
funnel showing above high water.
These parts of the wreck may be
expected to wash away leaving the
wreck totally submerged. The s.s.
"Hainan," stranded on the Ears
Rock, Shantung Promontory, during
November, 1920, and it was during
recent salvage operations that she
foundered in the above position.

A fitter employed by the Gas
Company was this morning charged
before Magistrate Lindsell with enter-
ing No. 2, Peak Road, yesterday
afternoon, for an unlawful purpose.
Inspector Moore said that yesterday
the defendant was sent to Mr. Set's
house to correct the meter. When
no one was watching him, he slipped
into a bedroom where
was found a few minutes later by
the detective, standing near an
open drawer. The defendant
said that he found gas escaping and
followed the smell to the bedroom.
When he entered the room, the
drawer was already open. The
houseboy said that he was sure the
drawer was closed a few minutes
previous. Amending the charge
to one of attempted larceny, the
Magistrate convicted the defendant
and sentenced him to six weeks'
hard labour.

SPECIAL CABLES.

BIG SHANGHAI BLAZE.

BRIGADE'S HARD TUSSELE.

200 NATIVE SHOPS DESTROYED.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 19.
There was a big early morning
blaze at Pootung, opposite Shanghai,
behind the Taikoo godowns. It is
estimated that 200 native shops and
dwellings were destroyed. The
brigade had a hard tussle.

SHANGHAI MURDER CASE.

"EL DORADO" TRAGEDY.

PLEA OF TEMPORARY INSANITY.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 19.
It is expected that the verdict will
be delivered on Thursday in the case
in which Furbush, the American en-
gineer from the steamer "Edgell,"
is charged with murdering Mr. Haz-
leton who was employed by the Gaston,
Williams, and Wigmore Corporation,
in the "El Dorado" Cafe. The de-
fence urges on a plea of temporary
insanity.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Among the passengers who
arrived in Hongkong by the M. M.
"Andre Lebon" from Shanghai yester-
day were M. R. Reau, French Consul-
General and Mme and the Misses
Reau; M. P. Kremer, French Consul,
and Mme Kremer; Messrs. G. H.
Potts, J. E. Brooks and R. Macgregor.

The Director of Museums, F.M.S.,
has an envelope containing a letter
dated July 3, 1920, and received by
him on Jan. 6, from Paris addressed
as follows:—"Mr. Kuala Lumpur,
Director of the Agriculture and of the
Journal of the Federated Malay
States Museum," Singapore (Indo-
China Anglaise)—University of
Hongkong.

Mr. C. E. W. Ricou, who has
been most active in the encourage-
ment of aviation in the Far East,
suffered a regrettable loss on Monday
night, when fire destroyed one of his
H-16 passenger seaplanes on the
island of Taipa, near Macao. The
cause of the fire is unknown. Mr.
Ricou is on the point of completing
a contract with the Portuguese
Government for a subsidised aerial
mail service and the establishment
of an aviation school. The accident
will not affect the arrangement, as
he has other machines to carry on
the work.

Included in the passengers who
left by the M.M. "Andre Lebon,"
yesterday for Marseilles were Count
L. Jervinski, manager of the Russo-
Asiatic Bank in Shanghai; Mr. J.
Raimbre, manager of the Russo-
Asiatic Bank in Peking; Mr. P. H.
Cole, manager of the Shanghai
Mutual Telephone Co.; M. L. Lafrest
manager of the French Tramway,
Shanghai; Mr. X. Dard, of the Russo-
Asiatic Bank, and Mrs. and Miss
Dard; Prince N. A. Koudacheff,
formerly Russian Minister in Peking,
and his sister, Princess K. A.
Koudacheff; Mr. J. O'Neill, manager
of the Credit Foncier; and Mr.
O'Neill; Dr. E. Tartois, of the French
Municipal Council; and H. E. Tobang
Sous-seng, Chinese Minister for
Sweden and Norway and suite.

The recent fire at the shipyard
of W. S. Bailey & Co., though it did
considerable damage, does not appear
to have seriously interrupted the
work of the firm. With characteristic
energy, the company set to work
immediately the fire was extinguished,
to clear away the debris and proceed
with its contracts. The principal
damage suffered was the loss of the
offices and pattern shop, with all
plans, documents, and patterns. A
new stone building has been acquired
for offices and is already equipped
with furniture. A large number of
coolies are at work clearing away the
debris of the fire. The firm's full
staff is busy, and work is proceeding
with the construction of eight steel
and seven wooden vessels. So far
the origin of the fire has not been
determined.

The Japan Advertiser states
that the Glen Line, the International
Mercantile Marine Line and the
Baltic Line have broken off connec-
tions with the United States Shipping
Board, preferring to operate in-
dependently, according to a telegram
quoted by the *Yiji*. The action is
based on the plea that the operation
of the Shipping Board ships since
last October has not been satisfactory,
and that the rewards are not com-
mensurate with the labour expended,
owing to the defects in the commis-
sion system. It is added that the
companies mentioned have returned
over 100 ships to the Shipping Board,
and that they have started independ-
ent operations. Another telegram
says that the Admiral Line at Shan-
ghai has also broken from the Ship-
ping Board and returned the latter's
ships under its cars with a view to
carrying on operations on an inde-
pendent basis.

CANTON POLITICS.

The China Mail has received for
publication the following official state-
ment issued by the Military Govern-
ment at Canton:

In view of the constant false re-
ports purposely spread about the
doings of the present Military Govern-
ment and of the persistent efforts
made by its political enemies who
have by means of subsidised press
and other agents been manufacturing
ridiculous canards concerning this
Government, as witness the scurrilous
report of the sale of Kiang Chow
Island to a foreign Power, and the
consequent false impression prevail-
ing in the minds of the general public
in regard to the policy of this Govern-
ment and its doings, the Administra-
tive Directors feel it necessary to
issue the following statement:

On the 15th January, 1921, the
Military Government ordered that the
Chinese Maritime Customs Service
functioning in the provinces under its
jurisdiction shall be subject to its
orders and control as from February
1, 1921.

In arriving at this decision the
Government has been under the com-
pulsion of the following facts and con-
ditions:—
1.—The action of the Military
Government is justified by its rights.
The Customs service is after all, but
one of the government services of the
country and its officials, the public
servants. Since the Military Govern-
ment exercises absolute and exclusive
control, de facto as well as de jure,
over all affairs, administrative, finan-
cial and otherwise, in the Constitu-
tionalist Provinces, it is an anomaly
and an absurdity that the Chinese
Maritime Customs Service should
function in those provinces under the
orders of an authority at Peking and
collect from these provinces revenue
which is diverted to uses elsewhere
malignant to the interests of the
country.

The Military Government, recognis-
ing the efficient organization of the
Customs Service and the good work
rendered to China, holds the policy
that this change of control from the
Peking authority to the Military
Government will not in the least affect
the present personnel acknowledging
its authority nor the rules of the ser-
vice. As the Customs revenue has
been hypothecated at different times
for the service of various foreign
obligations, it is not intended that
the interests of the creditors should
be in any way jeopardised. The re-
venue from the south-western pro-
vinces will bear a proportionate share
of the burden which will form, as
hitherto, a first charge.

2.—The authorities at Peking have
no sincere desire to make peace or to
effect the unification of the country,
nor have they the ability to do so.
They recited their peace delegates
from Shanghai and would not send
others even after the repeated re-
quests of the Military Government to
them to do so. They farcically pro-
claimed the unification of the country
without first settling the terms at the
Shanghai Peace Conference, hoping
thereby to evade the conditions of the
South which while beneficial to the
country they know to be disadvan-
tages to their self interests and also to
deceive the foreign powers into mak-
ing them loans of large sums of
money. They fear that if the govern-
ment of the country is participated
in by enlightened men they will not
be permitted to continue their old
ways. They are now squandering
millions upon millions of money bor-
rowed under all sorts of terms and
conditions, not for the purpose of
doing work of a constructive nature,
not for the good of the people, but
for the aggrandisement and strength-
ening of their positions and powers
and for the suppression of the people's
rights.

With such men at Peking no
sensible man can hope for unifica-
tion of China. The members of the
Military Government yield to none in
the desire for restoration of peace and
for a real unification, but while Peking
is hopeless they see no reason why
they should not do what they can to
organize and reform the provinces
under their jurisdiction and to arouse
and awaken the country at large to
work out its own salvation.

3.—The condition of the Kwang-
tung Province is deplorable. For four
years the Kwangsi militarists govern-
ed the province by arbitrary methods.
Every inch of the public land has been
either sold or heavily mortgaged;
illegal and absurd taxes have been
imposed; monopolies have been un-
lawfully and surreptitiously granted;
gambling of all kinds has been
licensed; men even brothels have been
compelled to contribute a portion of
their earnings to fill their pockets.
On the other hand the Canton treas-
ury is empty and the government is
now surrounded by a host of creditors.

Notwithstanding these great handi-
caps the Military Government and the
present Provincial Government of
Kwangtung have since their advent
into power abolished gambling and
lottery of whatever shape or form at
the tremendous sacrifice of nearly
\$10,000,000 a year to their revenue,
that being the amount of gambling
licence. In less than two months
they have abolished the Tobacco
(War-lordship) and the posts of the
seven garrison-commissioners who are
small editions of the rascals. They
have also abolished the Tao-vins who
are inefficient and useless; they have
effectuated peacefully the disbandment
of over 210 battalions of troops num-

MORE ARMED ROBBERIES.

MASKED MEN'S EXPLOITS.

HOUSES IN NEW TERRITORIES

ENTERED.

An elderly Chinese woman and her
grandson were asleep in their house
in Shengkongshu village, Shatin,
when they were awakened by the door
of the house being broken open.
Three men burst into their sleeping
room before they could give the
alarm. One man seized the woman
by the throat while another threw a
jacket over her head. With the
woman and her grandson tied and
gagged and a man, armed with a dag-
ger, standing guard over them, the
others ransacked the house, stealing
clothing and jewellery valued at \$121.
The robbers also stole a \$100 bill
from the old woman.

Another case is reported by a pro-
sperous cattle dealer occupying two
houses in Taiho village, Tai-O, who
has informed the police that he was
asleep in house No. 4, on Tuesday
night, when he was awakened by a
noise at the door. He went out to
investigate and saw two men outside,
one armed with a revolver and the
other with a dagger. He immediately
ran to get assistance, but the robbers
gave chase and caught him. They
took him into house No. 6, occupied
by his wife and family, where he saw
three other robbers, all armed with
revolvers and wearing cloth masks.
After tying up all the inmates of the
house, the robbers ransacked the
place and stole \$85, jewellery valued
at \$41, and a quantity of clothing.
The complainant could not say which
direction the robbers took when they
left because his hand was covered
with a jacket.

DENNISTON PLAYERS.

VISIT TO CANTON.

SEASON OPENS HERE MONDAY.

The Denniston players who arrived
from Manila by the s.s. "Venezuela"
yesterday afternoon, will leave for
Canton to-morrow morning. The
Company will play two nights at the
Canton Club, opening with the farce
"She Walked in her Sleep." On
Saturday they will produce another
farce, "Stop Thief." The Company
will return to Hongkong on Monday
when they will open at the Theatre
Royal with "She Walked in her
Sleep." During the first week the
Company will also play "Eyes of
Youth," "Nightie Night," "The
Lion and the Mouse," "Up in
Mabel's Room," and "Please get
Married."

Good music for the overtures is
assured as Mr. Denniston has been
fortunate in securing the services of
the Wiltshire Band.

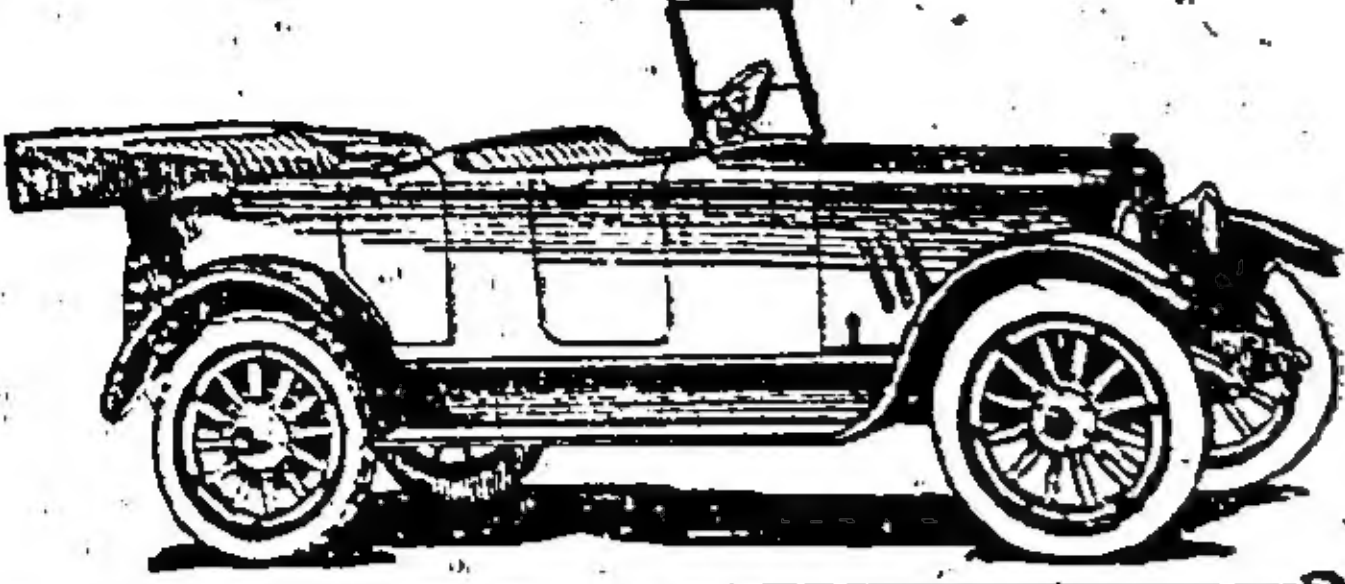
A trial has just taken place at
Sen Sen in North Korea of a number
of Japanese who are charged with
complicity in the alleged plot to
bomb the U.S. Congressional party
when it passed through Korea some
months ago. Several of the men
tried were Christian converts, one a
pastor and evangelist of one of the
local Churches, a man who for many
years has held an unblemished re-
putation. Several of the accused
were convicted by the Court. One
man, known to be of weak intellect,
was sentenced to death. The Pro-
curator asked for a sentence of 12
years' penal servitude on the pastor.
All the cases will be carried to the
Court of Appeal.

bering about 63,000 men. They have
energetically suppressed the growing
and smoking of opium. They have
introduced municipal government for
the first time into China. Other re-
forms on their programme are self-
government for the districts, increas-
ing the appropriations for education
which has of late been shamefully
neglected, the reform of the judiciary,
so necessary to any well ordered
government, and the opening up of
the province with the aid of foreign
enterprise.

The Administrative Directors are
fully aware that the work they are
engaged in is an uphill and herculean
task, aggravated by the lack of funds
and the scarcity of competent and
honest helpers. In cleansing the
Augean stable, it necessarily arouses
the ill-feeling of corrupt and incomp-
petent officials displaced and gives
opening for attacks by their political
enemies and others. They dare not
boast they are infallible; but they do
declare their strict honesty of pur-
pose in what they do and are willing
to rest on the result of their adminis-
tration for the impartial opinion and
judgment of the public. What they
ask the public, foreign as well as the
Chinese, is that they should not
hastily believe absurd reports publish-
ed in the press without actual truth-
ful confirmation. They invite any one
who is disposed to do so, to visit
Canton and judge for himself. In
faithfully carrying out their policy,
they sincerely hope they will be sup-
ported by their countrymen and
foreign public opinion.

Canton, January 18, 1921.

MERCURY MOTOR CAR CO.
50-51 Des Voeux Road Central,
HONGKONG.



"PHYSIC" FOR BAD TRADE.

SIR E. GEDDES ON THE ECONOMY OF ADVERTISING.

Sir Eric Geddes, Minister of Transport, speaking at luncheon at the Advertising Exhibition at the White City, said that the Exhibition was far more interesting and more pleasant of results for the trade of the country than anyone outside the ranks of those who had studied the subject could possibly believe. All of us did advertise more or less, and we had talked and listened to those who declared that advertising was a great expense, a great additional cost to the article sold. That, in his opinion, was quite false—an opinion which was confirmed after visiting that Exhibition. We were all apt to-day to speak as if all expenditure was waste. But they knew that all expenditure was not waste. The money spent on advertising, if spent sensibly, skillfully, and ably, was economical, because, in the first place, they could not sell anything without some advertising. Bad advertising was the most costly. If they had good advertising and pushed the sale of the article, they saved overhead costs.

I make bold to say (he added) that the traders of the country as a whole are ignorant of what good advertising means. As Minister of Transport, I feel that I am here to-day among co-workers on the stage of industry, who are not manufacturers, but who are really engaged in the distribution of the articles. As in the matter of transport, you can assist the manufacturer by advising him. You are on the fringe of production, on the one hand, and on the fringe of distribution, on the other. That is why I am among brothers here, because we are both interested in the distribution of business.

I hardly think that in some ways you have quite done justice to the great industry you represent. The light side of the Exhibition, because it is the attractive side, has appeared in the Press. But there is a real business in this. (Cheers.) The trade of this country has got to gain its old ascendancy, and it cannot do that without skilled advertising. The manufacturer has got to go to the advertising agent to prescribe the right physic. As I went round your Exhibition I saw a chemist's shop full of attractive things. That is the physic, but it has to be applied by skilled brains. Do the manufacturers of this country realize the serious side of it? I venture to think not. If you can persuade them, a visit here will give them the cure for the disease from which they are suffering.

Advertising is vital to the success of the trade country. We are going through many months of difficulty in regard to trade, and for the serious side of propaganda British trade throughout the world is in your hands. You are the doctors. If they will come to you they find their trouble will pass, their goods will sell, and employment will be increased, and that in the end it will be economical. I wish you great success in your new industry—an industry which has great power in this country. (Cheers.)

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

NEW FRENCH CABINET.

TWO FORMER GOVERNORS OF INDO-CHINA INCLUDED.

NEWSPAPERS PLEASSED.

PARIS, January 17.

A Haras message states: The papers are commenting most favourably upon the new Cabinet which, in their opinion, well reflects the nation's will and aspirations as expressed in the last election. The papers are especially pleased with the co-operation of such energetic and experienced men as M. Briand, M. Barthou, and M. Doumer. Worthy of note is the fact that two members of the new Cabinet are former governors of general French Indo-China. Senator Doumer, who is now to have charge of the national finances, resided at Saigon from 1895 to 1902, and Deputy Maurice Sarraut was there from 1911 to 1914. M. Sarraut is Colonial Secretary in the new Cabinet.

AMERICA'S FOREIGN TRADE.

CHICAGO, January 20.

The proposed foreign trade conference is offering the presidency to Governor Harding of the Federal Reserve Board.

[A Chicago message on December 12 stated:—The Foreign Trade Conference has voted in favour of proceeding immediately with the reorganization of the Foreign Trade Corporation with a capital of \$100,000,000. The object of the Corporation is to reorganize the American export trade which has been adversely affected by the rate of exchange with Europe. A Committee has been appointed to deal with the question of underwriting.]

AMERICAN CABLES.

NEW YORK, January 16.

The Federal Court has temporarily forbidden the Western Union to land the Brazil-Barbados cable at Miami, also to use three cables between Key West and Havana for the transmission of messages between the United States and Brazil and the splice line from the Barbados to Cuba.

MORE INDIAN AGRARIAN DISTURBANCES.

ALLAHABAD, January 16.

Agrarian disturbances are reported from Fyzabad accompanied by 14 dacoities. Sixty persons have been arrested. Quiet has been restored.

OPIUM CONVENTION.

STOCKHOLM, January 16.

The Swedish representative at The Hague has signed the 1914 supplementary protocol to the International Opium Convention of 1912.

TURKEY APPROACHING A CRISIS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, January 20.

The uncertainty regarding the Allies' attitude to Greece, and the result of Izet Pasha's mission to Ankara, and the steadily worsening financial position, are producing a tension, the danger of which is accentuated by the bad conditions in the Russian refugee camps and the exploitation of alarmist rumours by agitators and Bolshevik agents.

PRICES GOING DOWN.

LONDON, January 20.

Official cost of living figures show a reduction of 11 points during the past two months. A further substantial reduction is anticipated.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

One fatal case of small pox, Chinese, was reported yesterday.

Mr. Joseph Swan of the Asia Banking Corporation, Tientsin, has been transferred to Singapore to an advanced position in the same Company.

In connection with the celebration of the Governor of Ceylon's wedding, His Excellency was pleased to order the release of certain prisoners.

Canton may soon have telephone girls, as the management of the Canton Telephone Exchange is considering the employment of some women in its service.

It is believed that the Government has instructed the F.M.S. Agricultural Department to forward an official F.M.S. exhibit to the Rubber Exhibition to be held in London in June this year.

The Japanese authorities have decided, according to the *Yamato*, to order from France five large aeroplanes, at a cost of ¥60,000 each. It is further reported that French instructors will be invited to visit Japan early in April to train Japanese officers in the art of controlling these large aeroplanes.

A coolie employed by Messrs. Morita & Co., traders, of Praya East, was sentenced this morning by Magistrate Orme to six months' hard labour for participating with two others, not in custody, in a robbery at the shop on Tuesday night. Property to the value of \$222.50 was taken. The three men broke into the shop at night.

In connection with the discovery last week of a corpse in an unoccupied house in Malenkong village, Kowloon, the Yamato police have arrested four men who were this morning brought before Magistrate Orme charged, at the instance of Inspector Caygill, with the murder of the deceased by strangulation. All four pleaded "not guilty," and were remanded for a week.

It is reported from Port Arthur that the wife of a Russian officer, who was formerly a member of the Ataman Simonov's staff, committed suicide at the Yamato Hotel the Saturday before last. The unfortunate lady shot herself, using a revolver belonging to her husband which is said to have been one with which the officer's first wife committed suicide. She had been staying at the hotel about a month.

Efforts to raise the C.M.S. "Hispania," which was sunk near Chefoo during the early part of November, were partly successful. The ill-fated ship was raised and was being towed to port when suddenly she went down once more, this time in water which was probably twice as deep as that in which she was lying before the attempt was made to raise her. It is understood that the owners have given up all hope of salvaging her.

San Francisco Business states that "Shanghai now has a population of 1,500,000 people, of whom 25,000 are foreign. Of the latter some 3,000 are Americans, America is now taking practically all the silk produced in China. Six American financial companies are now established in Shanghai. It frequently happens, as in the days of the swift American packets early in the nineteenth century, that more ships in the harbour fly the American flag than of other nationalities."

For having killed, without provocation, a blind and harmless dog belonging to Mrs. Nicholl, a resident of Goff Villas, Wongneichong Road, a Chinese neighbour was this morning fined \$3 by Magistrate Orme. The defendant, who strongly protested his innocence, said that he had heard the neighbours say that the dog was killed by a motor car. Defendant, who was said to have used a wooden pole, was also alleged to have killed another dog, a black fox terrier, the same afternoon in a similar manner, also for no apparent reason.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

LOST.

A TRESPLE BAY HOTEL, on THURSDAY night, 18th inst. A PEARL, mounted and PEARL DROP EARRING—set Platinum and SMALL DIAMONDS. Finder please return to C. Edgcombe, Showman & Co., Hotel Mansions REWARD.

NOTICE.

THE MISSES EILEEN and DORIS WOODS are performing at the Grand Charity Concert, on Saturday, at the Theatre Royal.

THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY SECOND ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings on FRIDAY, 4th February, 1921, at 12 O'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1920.

The REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 26th January, to FRIDAY, 4th February, both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary to
The Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.,
General Agents for
The Kowloon Land & Building Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, January 20, 1921.

NOTICE.

VERA MIROVA, the great Russian Dances and LEO PODOLSKY, will appear at Madame Lottie Gordon's Grand Charity Concert at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night.

ST. STEPHEN GIRLS COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.

THE following subscriptions to the above fund have been duly received with thanks:
Per Sir Robert Ho Tung ... \$2,500
Mr. Tong Lai Chuan ... \$2,500
" Chan Wan Shau ... 500
(with 1st sub.)
\$100 Total \$1,000 900
Yung Tsz Ming ... 1,000
Amount acknowledged ... 35,769.59
Total ... \$40,169.59

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—1 x 3 H.P. MOTOR, 100 volts, 50 cycles, 1,000 revs. and 3 switches. Apply Bx 1249 c/o "China Mail."

CROUP.

EVERY young child is susceptible to croup. Don't wait until this dreadful disease attacks your little one before you prepare for it. It comes in the night when chemists' shops are usually closed, and this alone should be a warning. Get and keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at hand. It never fails to act quickly and is absolutely harmless. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Hongkong Benevolent Society will be held in the City Hall, on WEDNESDAY, January 26th, at Noon.

K. E. A. CAVALIER,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, January 20, 1921.

NOTICE.

MADAM LOTTE GORDON
The Gifted Solo Pianist
at the Charity Concert,
Theatre Royal,
Saturday, January 22.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship
"MASANIELLO"
From GENOA, NAPLES, BOMBAY, RANGOON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 19th January.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 4th prox. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 25th inst. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & Co., Ltd.
Agents.
Hongkong, January 20, 1921.

NOTICE.

DON'T FORGET
Madame Lottie Gordon's
Grand Charity Concert,
Theatre Royal, Saturday,
January 22.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship
"RIOJUN MARU,"
From JAPAN.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 20th January.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 26th inst. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & CO. LTD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 20, 1921.

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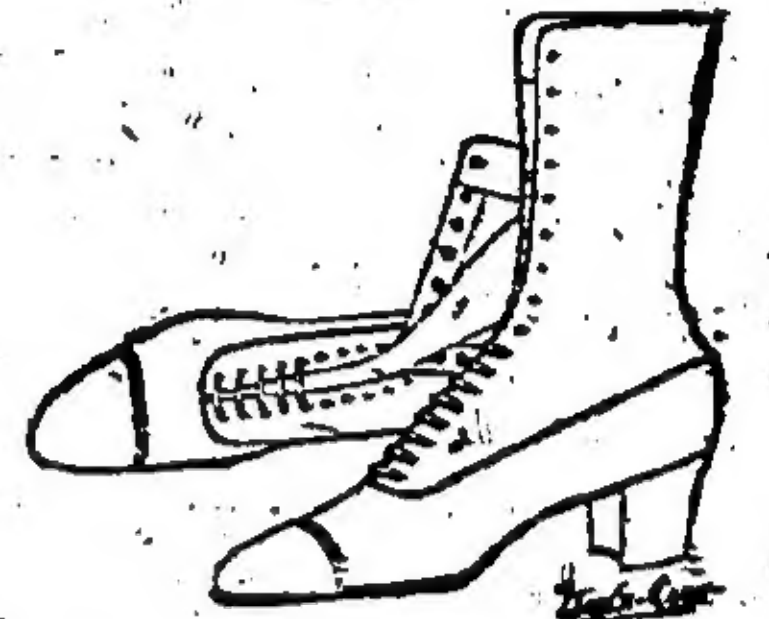


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Unrivalled as a drink. Mixes well with Wines, Spirits or Milk.

Tansan raises the spirits and erases sanguine anticipation, even as a flagon of wine exhilarated the monks of old.

For the good old fix of orders grey Would have waived the flagon of wine away And contented himself as any man can With bubbling, sparkling, cool Tansan.

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S. S.	Tons	From	Destination
"TAKADA"	7,000	6th Feb.	Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta.

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S. S.	Tons	From	Destination
"EASTERN"	4,000	2nd Jan. at Noon.	Illo, Thursday Island, Town- sville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.
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KASHIWA MARU ... Wednesday, 26th January.

TOYOHASHI MARU ... Monday, 14th February.

CALCUTTA & BANGALORE via Singapore & Penang.

SANUKI MARU ... Thursday, 2nd February.

JAPAN PORTS—Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.

TAMBA MARU ... Tuesday, 15th Feb., at 11 a.m.

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BOMBAY MARU ... Monday, 24th January.

MISHIMA MARU ... Friday, 28th January.

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SWATOW.

Jan. 21.—O. N.	Chinhua.
22.—O. N.	Kinkiang.
23.—O. N.	Hailong.
24.—O. N.	Choyang.
25.—O. N.	Szechu Maru.

AMOI.

Jan. 22.—O. N.	Kaijo Maru.
23.—O. N.	Hailong.
24.—O. N.	Shaoxing.
25.—O. N.	Szechu Maru.

FOOCHOW.

Jan. 22.—D. L.	Hailong.
23.—O. N.	Kaijo Maru.

SHANGHAI.

Jan. 21.—O. N.	Wingsang.
22.—O. N.	Kinkiang.
23.—O. N.	Tsao.
24.—O. N.	Choyang.
25.—O. N.	Shaoxing.
26.—P. & O.	Dunera.
27.—P. & O.	(D. & Co.) Hungaria.
Feb. 1.—B. F.	Tsao.
11.—B. F.	Tsao.
18.—B. F.	Tsao.
23.—P. & O.	Dunera.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Jan. 25.—O. N.	Tsao.
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PUKOW.

Jan. 25.—C. N.	Shaoxing.
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TSINGTAO.

Jan. 22.—C. N.	Tsao.
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TAKAO.

Jan. 27.—O. N.	Szechu Maru.
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KEELUNG.

Jan. 22.—O. N.	Kaijo Maru.
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SAIGON.

Jan. 21.—M. H.	Paul Locat.
Feb. 2.—O. N.	Uman Maru.

BANGKOK.

Feb. 2.—O. N.	Uman Maru.
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SINGAPORE.

Jan. 21.—C. N.	Chinhua.
Feb. 2.—O. N.	Uman Maru.
7.—C. N.	China.
Apr. 3.—C. N.	Sze.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, ETC.

MANILA.

Jan. 21.—C. N.	Chinhua.
21.—O. N.	Uman Maru.
Mar. 19.—C. M. S.	Nanking.

CEBU AND ILOILO.

Jan. 21.—C. N.	Tsao.
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SANDAKAN.

Jan. 22.—O. N.	Hinsang.
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JAVA PORTS, ETC.

Jan. 22.—N. Y. K.	(D. & Co.) Riojan M.
24.—O. N.	Uman Maru.
25.—J. C. J. L.	Van Wevering.
Feb. 11.—N. Y. K.	(D. & Co.) Macassar M.

INDIAN PORTS, ETC.

CALCUTTA.

Jan. 22.—O. N.	Laisang.
Feb. 3.—N. Y. K.	Sanuki Maru.
2.—B. I. A.	Takada.
15.—B. I. A.	Japan.

BOMBAY AND COLOMBO.

Jan. 21.—O. N.	Kasado Maru.
22.—O. N.	Sanuki Maru.
23.—O. N.	Sanuki Maru.
Feb. 10.—P. & O.	Dunera.
14.—N. Y. K.	Tsushima Maru.
16.—P. & O.	Lahore.
Mar. 5.—P. & O.	Alipore.
7.—P. & O.	Dunera.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Jan. 22.—E. & A.	Paetrum.
Feb. 1.—E. & A.	Victoria.
15.—N. Y. K.	Aki Maru.
16.—A. O.	Changsha.
16.—P. & O.	Kanowwa.
Mar. 9.—E. & A.	St. Albans.
22.—N. Y. K.	Tango Maru.
Apr. 19.—N. Y. K.	Sikito Maru.

JAPAN PORTS.

Jan. 22.—N. Y. K.	Tamha Maru.
23.—B. I.	Alinda.
24.—O. N.	Kwasing.
25.—N. Y. K.	Cap Finisterre.
26.—B. F.	Achilles.
26.—B. I. A.	Japan.
28.—P. & O.	Alipore.
30.—P. & O.	Bombay Maru.
31.—E. & A.	Kanowwa.

AMERICAN PORTS.

VANCOUVER.

Jan. 24.—A. L.	Edmore.
24.—O. N.	Manila Maru.
25.—O. N.	Empress of Japan.
26.—N. Y. K.	Tajima Maru.
Feb. 10.—O. P. O.	Empress of Russia.
10.—W. L.	West Ivan.
Mar. 11.—N. Y. K.	Toyama Maru.
31.—O. P. O.	Empress of Japan.
31.—O. P. O.	Empress of Asia.
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VICTORIA.

Jan. 24.—A. L.	Edmore.
24.—O. N.	Manila Maru.
25.—N. Y. K.	Kashima Maru.
26.—N. Y. K.	Tajima Maru.
Feb. 10.—W. L.	West Ivan.
12.—N. Y. K.	Sowa Maru.
Mar. 2.—N. Y. K.	Fashier Maru.
11.—N. Y. K.	Toyama Maru.

SEATTLE.

Jan. 24.—O. S. K.	Manila Maru.
24.—A. L.	Edmore.
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Feb. 10.—W. L.	West Ivan.
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Mar. 2.—N. Y. K.	Fashier Maru.
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TACOMA.

Jan. 24.—A. L.	Edmore.
24.—O. S. K.	Manila Maru.
Feb. 10.—W. L.	West Ivan.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Jan. 23.—S. & D.	West India.
27.—C. M. S.	Nile.
Feb. 7.—T. K. K.	Shinyo Maru.
15.—D. L.	West India.
24.—T. K. K.	Shinyo Maru.
Mar. 7.—T. K. K.	Shinyo Maru.
19.—T. K. K.	Shinyo Maru.

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SPORT.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL.

R.G.A. RES. v. PUNJABIS.

These two teams, who were to have met on the Sookumpoo Valley ground on Saturday, in connection with the second division of the Hongkong Football League, postponed their fixture owing to duty claiming some of the players. The match was played off at Happy Valley yesterday evening. The Artillerymen were too strong for the Punjabis, and a decidedly one-sided game in which the Punjabis as usual played a very sporting losing game, resulted in a win for the Gunners by 13 goals to 1. The R.G.A. led by six goals to nil in the first half, Kent (3), Veale (2) and Green (1) being the scorers. In the second half, the Artillerymen added seven more goals to their score, Kent being responsible for 3 (twice performing the "hat trick"), Green 3 and Banley 1. The Punjabis managed to break their duck just on time, and when the final whistle came the score sheet read R.G.A., 13; Punjabis 1.

UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE.

"HAWKINS" v. "TAMAR"

Much interest was centered in this match which was looked upon as the deciding game of the League. Sookumpoo Valley never had a bigger "gate" on a week-day than yesterday when a large crowd of "service men" and not a few civilians, turned out to watch the struggle. The match was very evenly contested and almost up to the final whistle it was impossible to decide the winners. Almost at the last moment, the "Hawkins" snatched a victory by the odd goal in five.

The "Hawkins" kicked off and went straight for the "Tamar" goal where a *meke* took place. The situation was saved by the ball being kicked into the nullah. After the ball had been rescued from the nullah several more times, the "Hawkins" attacked with determination, and receiving a well timed pass well in, Webb opened the scoring a few minutes from the start. Play became very fast from the centre. The game was very evenly contested, and there was little to choose between the teams. Good work was done by the defence at both ends of the field, and work hard as they would, the forwards could not find the net. Towards the close of the first half, a determined rush by the "Tamar" forwards saw them well in. Receiving a beautifully placed centre from the left winger, Koutley beat Jones with a pretty cross-shot and brought the scores level. In spite of strenuous work by both sets of forwards after this no more scoring took place and half time arrived with the score sheet reading one all.

"Hawkins" assumed the offensive at the resumption and gave the "Tamar" a very hot time. But for the determined and well planned defence put up, the "Hawkins" would have scored early. After a good clear, the "Tamar" forwards went away and assumed the lead through Adams, who sent in a fast shot which Jones was only able to push out. The ball struck one of the attackers in the face and greatly to the surprise of all, Jones included, bounded into the net without giving him a chance to attempt a save. From the centre, the "Hawkins" worked the ball down the field and set up a hot attack which was rather on the rough side. During the *meke*, one of the "Tamar" defenders fouled a couple of inches from the penalty area. Wilkins took the kick and sent the ball into the net between the legs of the defenders who had gathered in front of their goal. With the scores once more level, both sides went out to secure the deciding goal. Mitch and Jones played brilliantly between the "sticks" and saved many difficult shots. During one of the "Hawkins" attacks towards the close of the game, Webb received from Wilkins, and running well in, sent a beautiful centre to Russell who came through with great speed and banged the ball into the net a couple of feet away.

After this, the "Tamar" conscious that there were not many more minutes to go, took the monopoly of the ball and keeping it in "Hawkins" territory bombarded the citadel from all angles. The defence was determined and saved. After the ball had been cleared to midfield, the "Hawkins" employed the one back tactics against their opponents. This worked well and managed to keep to attackers out until the final whistle.

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

2ND DIVISION MATCHES.

Below are the 2nd Division fixtures for Saturday January 22nd—
2.30 p.m. R.G.A. v. United F.C. Navy B Ground.
2.30 p.m. South China v. Staffs & Depts. South China Ground.
2.30 p.m. "Carlisle" v. St. Joseph's. Navy A Ground.
2.30 p.m. R.G.A. v. Indians. St. Joseph's Ground.
4 p.m. Punjabis v. Club. St. Joseph's Ground.
2.30 P.M. Kowloon v. Oilers. Sookumpoo Ground.

2ND DIVISION LEAGUE.

TABLE OF RESULTS.

Below is the result of the Second Division League up to January 15, 1921—

Clubs	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
St. Joseph's	10	9	0	1	34	6	18
R.G.A. Res.	10	8	1	1	37	10	17
Oilers United	11	5	2	4	24	15	12
United F.C.	10	5	1	4	19	20	11
"Carlisle"	6	5	0	1	17	5	10
South China	11	4	2	5	20	18	10
Staffs & Depts.	9	4	1	4	19	15	9
Kowloon	10	3	3	4	15	16	9
Hongkong	11	4	0	7	13	18	8
Indians	11	4	0	7	14	27	8
Club de Recreo	10	1	2	7	11	24	4
Punjabis	11	2	0	9	10	5	4

LEAGUE CRICKET.

C.R.C. v. K.C.C.

The following will represent the C.R.C. in the above match on Saturday, at 2 p.m. on the Kowloon C.C. ground—Ng Sze Kwong (Capt.), Un Hew Fan, Choa Man Ping, J. Wong, Shin Man Ping, Geo. Lee, Ho Wing Kin, Wei Lee Son, H. Ching, Lo Man Pun and Lai Kum.

L.R.C. v. C.C.C.

To take place on Saturday the 22nd inst. at 2.15 p.m. on the Sookumpoo ground the following will represent the Indians—A. H. Rumjahn, A. el Arcutis, S. H. Abbas, D. A. Rumjahn, M. H. Abbas, D. Weerapuli, N. M. Bux, S. D. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, K. Khan and D. Rumjahn.

SHOOTING.

"CURLEW" v. "TAMAR"

A match between H.M.S. "Curlew" and H.M.S. "Tamar" was fired at Taihang Range on the 18th inst., and resulted in a win for H.M.S. "Tamar". The scores were as follows—

H.M.S. "CURLEW"	200	500	600	Pts.
Mr. Den	37	45	35	117
Morgan	43	39	34	116
Spencer	37	36	37	110
Morgan	39	35	23	97
Cox	31	33	31	95
Newsham	40	25	30	95
Carpenter	37	21	23	81
Talford	30	21	27	78
Total	309	283	228	799

H.M.S. "TAMAR"	200	500	600	Pts.
Mr. Clemow	39	43	40	122
Snell	37	42	36	115
Brazendale	38	33	33	104
Ravenscroft	36	29	28	93
Way	36	29	26	91
Allen	36	40	31	107
Blandon	30	32	34	96
Deacon	31	21	21	80
Total	309	283	228	808

FLYING EXHIBITION.

STUNTS FOR CHINESE NEW YEAR.

A FEARLESS AVIATOR.

Hongkong is due to see some aerial stunts during the Chinese New Year. Mr. A. H. Lowe, former Lieutenant in the Canadian Army, has secured permission for his pilot, Mr. Y. M. Lim On, member of the Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom, to give exhibition flights at Happy Valley on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 8 and 9. Both arrived here on the "Empress of Asia," bringing a Curtiss convertible biplane, which is now in the godown in Kowloon.

Mr. Lim On holds the distinction of being the first Chinese to hold a British pilot's certificate, passing an examination held by the distinguished aviator W. G. Barker, V.C., in 1919. He is reported to be a fearless flyer, with a liking for the sort of tricks that make spectators' hair stand on end.

Both Mr. Rowe and Mr. Lim On are associated with the Keng Wah Aviation Company's school in Saskatchewan, Canada. The company was organized by the Chinese of Western Canada for the training of Chinese in the art of flying. Mr. Rowe has been an instructor at the school. Prior to 1914 he was associated with some of the pioneers in flying, adjusting the machine for Colonel Cody, who flew around the British Isles. He served in France through the war, and still is on the Air Force Reserve. One of his performances was a flight from Saskatoon to Winnipeg, 551 miles in a little over five hours, which until the recent trans-continental flight was the longest flight made in Canada.

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ROCKEFELLER'S BENEFACTIONS.

UNEXAMPLED GENEROSITY.

With the gift of £15,000,000 today to the Laura Speelman Rockefeller Memorial, the known gifts of the oil magnate for benevolent purposes total just about £100,000,000. The object of the latest gift is to perpetuate the memory of Mrs. Rockefeller, and to continue the charitable enterprises of the Speelman Foundation, that held the interest and secured the aid of the deceased lady during her active life of philanthropy. The welfare of women and children is chiefly considered. In commenting upon the unexampled generosity of the Rockefeller, and its world-wide scope, even those newspapers which are usually inimical to giant trusts and swollen personal fortunes have kindly words of approval. "It," says one Democratic organ, "is possible to accumulate a colossal fortune without injury to the mass of citizens, then we must admit that men like Rockefeller and Carnegie, by disposing of the bulk of the same during their lifetime, have performed their duties as trustees of wealth for the community in general." To-day is Thanksgiving Day, and a public holiday throughout the country. The elder Rockefeller spent the morning on the golf links and the younger attended church with members of his family.

"AMBROSE" v. "TAMAR"

This match was fired at Taihang Range on the 11th inst. and resulted in a win for H.M.S. "Tamar". The scores were as follows—

H.M.S. "AMBROSE"	200	500	600	Pts.
Mr. Peberdy	37	40	35	112
Walsh	35	32	31	98
Chilcott	28	28	40	96
Ellis	36	39	17	92
Edridge	33	33	24	90
Tooker	39	30	21	90
Newton	36	27	8	71
Jarvis	31	19	16	66
Total	315	255	177	715

H.M.S. "TAMAR"

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Mr. Clemow	45	42	36	123
Snell	39	38	35	112
Allen	34	38	36	108
Brazendale	33	39	33	105
Ravenscroft	31	35	36	102
Harrah	20	43	38	101
Way	23	32	34	89
Blandon	35	28	23	86
Total	309	283	228	836

"TAMAR" v. WILTS.

This match was fixed for December 18th, at Taihang Range, but the "Wils" did not turn up. H.M.S. "Tamar" therefore, claimed the points. The scores were as follows—

H.M.S. "TAMAR"	200	500	600	Pts.
Mr. Clemow	41	44	34	119
Allen	39	38	34	111
Way	44	32	35	111
Legg	37	34	35	106
Ravenscroft	23	41	26	90
Deacon	39	26	24	89
Blandon	33	34	22	89
Huskingson	32	21	23	86
Total	309	283	228	801

THEATRE ROYAL.

MIROVA-PODOLSKY.

EXCELLENT PROGRAMME.

The performance given last night at the Theatre Royal by Miss Vera Mirova and Mr. Leo Podolsky apparently was eminently pleasing to the audience that gathered to witness it, judging by the unmistakable enthusiasm that was displayed. It was, in fact, a delightful occasion. The standards of the programme were uniformly high, and the numbers all were chosen with discriminating taste. Performance and setting alike were artistic. The programme follows:

- 1.—Bach-Tausig—Toccata & Fugue. Composed for organ and arranged for piano by C. Tausig.
- 2.—Lotus—Music from Rubinstein. Vera Mirova.

In the stillness of the night a lotus lily dreams—
in her heart she ponders of love as yet unborn.
The moon rising showers on her his kisses—
she hesitatingly opens her petals in response to his caresses—
Then scorched by his ardent love—the frail and tender lily droops and dies.

INTERVAL 3 MINUTES.

- 3.—Valse—Chopin—Vera Mirova.
- 4.—(a) Cyril Scott—Lotusland—Homerus tells us that in the North of Africa live the Lotus Eaters. The wine pressed from those flowers brought them to a state of dreamy intoxication in which home and friends were forgotten.
- (b) M. Reger—Intermezzo—Leo Podolsky.
- 5.—The Dancing Doll—Podolsky—Vera Mirova.

INTERVAL.

- 6.—(a) Claude Debussy "Moonlight" (b) Scriabine Nocturne (with left hand only) (c) Korzhmareff "A Fairy Tale" Leo Podolsky.
- 7.—The Snake—Vera Mirova.
- 8.—Tschaikowsky—P. Grainger—Flower Waltz Leo Podolsky.
- 9.—Marche—Schubert—Vera Mirova.

Miss Mirova made a deep impression by her grace and the charming naturalness with which she interpreted her dances. For sheer daintiness, her first number probably was the best of her offerings. As the lotus lily, rising from her slumbers and dancing in the moonlight, only to droop and perish, she was a revelation of grace. "The Dancing Doll" was a quaint little dance, in which she appeared as an animated doll. "The Snake" was a dance of an entirely different type, and showed off to remarkable advantage the beauty and pliability of Miss Mirova's arms and shoulders. One could hardly expect that a dance could be given entirely without arms and shoulders—but it can, if the arms and shoulders happen to belong to Miss Mirova. The illusion of snakes, first rising with inquiring heads from the ground and then playing swiftly about her body, and at last subsiding again, was perfect.

Mr. Podolsky is a finished musician, and the playing of all the pieces he had selected for the programme was most effective, beginning with Bach's "Toccata and Fugue," and ending with Tchaikowsky's "Flower Waltz." The last number was the most spirited of the programme, and Mr. Podolsky carried it off with a dash that was very pleasing. As a feat of technique, his playing of Scriabine's "Nocturne" for the left hand only was a remarkable exhibition of his mastery of the piano. He was particularly happy in his choice of encores, playing several delightful little numbers.

IMPRESSION.

BY A MUSIC LOVER.

The somewhat sparse attendance at the performance given by Mr. Leo Podolsky and Miss Vera Mirova, at the Theatre Royal last night, is by no means indicative of the extent of the Colony's appreciation of the gifts of Mr. Podolsky, and had we seen her previously, the same could not doubt be said of Miss Mirova. The poor attendance was unquestionably due to the very short notice of the fixture that it was possible to give; indeed, this fact was remarked upon by several who attended last evening. Podolsky we know. He is of that much appreciated type of artist—quiet, unassuming and entirely free from mannerisms; and need yield to none in his claims to front rank position. His rendering of the first item, a Bach Toccata and Fugue arranged for piano by Tausig, showed at once that he has lost nothing since his last performance here, and his treatment of this most exacting type of composition proved that he knew his Bach perfectly. The staccato playing of the fugue was brilliantly clear and defined and the item rightly drew for the player prolonged applause.

The Cyril Scott item (Lotusland) was a striking example of the pianist's comprehension of this advanced modern composer's work, which many find so difficult to follow.

OBITUARY.

MR. W. R. NOBLE.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY.

The many friends of Mr. W. R. Noble, electrical engineer in the service of the China and Japan Telephone Company, and former member of the staff of the University, learned with regret of his death at the French Hospital on Tuesday at 9 p.m. Mr. Noble was taken ill shortly after Christmas. It was thought that he was improving, but he took a sudden turn for the worse. The cause of his death was typhoid fever.

Mr. Noble was 31 years of age, and leaves a widow and a little daughter, both of whom are now at Home on a visit. The deepest sympathy is felt for them in their bereavement. He had been in the Colony about six years. The funeral was held yesterday.

PASTOR MATTHEW FONG.

DEATH AT KOWLOON CITY.

There passed away this morning at Kowloon City, at the ripe age of 81, Pastor Matthew Fong (Fong Yat San) who had been in charge of the Church at Kowloon City since 1903. For over 40 years Pastor Fong had served his Church amongst his own people in Australia and China, and was the eldest Episcopal clergyman in South China. He had been an actor and on his conversion carried on Christian work with great energy. He initiated St. Stephen's Church at West Point, while his own little Church at Kowloon City is a source of great interest to visitors to that place. In addition to his ordinary clerical duties, he commenced and continued for years, alms houses for old and distressed Chinese Christians of all denominations.

Famine tragedies, states our Hankow contemporary, are brought close to hand by a report in the native press of a distressed Honan man hawking his wife and family for sale in the Hou Ti Maloo. The report states that, after loudly crying his wares, the wife changed hands for the sum of 60 taels, while one of the sons only realized 10 taels. The sale was effected to natives of Hupeh.

Canon is spending some \$1,200,000 a month for military expenses while his income amounts to but little over a million. The Provincial Finance Bureau has urged the military authorities to reduce the army and navy at once. In order to meet the year end's obligations before the Chinese New Year, the Government is asking the General Chamber of Commerce for the balance of the million dollar loan, which amounts to nearly \$600,000.

Scott is usually left severely alone by any except really first class pianists, but when tackled in the manner of Podolsky, appreciation comes within the purview of the merest novice.

Debussy's "Moonlight" brought out the player's wonderful gifts of interpretation, likewise the left hand nocturne of Scriabine, the latter reminding one somewhat of the left hand work of Mark Hambourg. Podolsky's power and technique were exemplified in the Flower Waltz of Tchaikowsky from the Casse Noisette Suite, and his rendering of the majestic chords and arpeggios in the opening movement was superb and beyond criticism.

The pianist was greeted with rounds of applause after each item and he very generously contributed several extras amongst which was a "Golliwog's Ragtime"—a unique composition, which might almost be termed "classic ragtime."

For Miss Vera Mirova there can be nothing but praise, even from the most adversely biased. She secures her effects purely by motion and her costumes are simple in the extreme, being totally devoid of any attempt to secure effect by ornate clothing or, rather, the lack of it. The Dancing Doll item was one of the most charming performances it has been the good fortune of Hongkong residents to see. The clever combination of animate and inanimate was different from anything that has been shown here previously and in all the dances Miss Mirova's interpretation, in movement, of the meanings suggested by the music chosen were novel and at all times appropriate. But it was in "The Snake" that the dancer exhibited most her consummate skill in interpretive movement, which in this instance was confined to the hands and arms. With sparkling rings on the index and little fingers of each hand, resembling snakes eyes, her hands cramped in a position to resemble the heads; the arms copying the writhings of the serpents' bodies; the performance was truly uncanny and startling. But whilst the artist never once departed from graceful motion, Miss Mirova is in a class by herself and gives the direct line to those, if there be any, who claim there is no poetry in motion.

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OVERSEAS TRADE.

OUTLOOK IN FAR EASTERN MARKETS.

COMING TRADE REVIVAL.

LONDON, January 19.

Mr. F. G. Kellaway, in a statement, said that the Overseas Trade Department had been endeavouring with ever increasing anxiety during the past six months to assist traders unexpectedly embarrassed by overseas commitments. The situation continued grave but the British banking credit system weathered the worst storm, giving striking proof of its elasticity and solidity when a serious collapse was not impossible. The fall in wholesale prices was rapid, even sensational. He anticipated a substantial fall in retail prices easing the industrial depression and facilitating revival. The most puzzling element in the situation was coal. Not a single market in the world was exempt from the commercial reaction. There were hopeful indications of an improvement in Canada but the Far Eastern markets showed less definite signs of recovery. The outlook in India was momentarily dead, but favourable to rapid recovery immediately the supplies congesting the ports were moved.

THE EXCHANGE FACTOR.

There were symptoms of indigestion in South Africa but the outlook now was distinctly more favourable. As regards Australasia British exporters were embarrassed by the difficulty of securing remittances owing to the exchange deadlock. Dealing with the European situation, Mr. Kellaway emphasised the correlation of prosperity in Europe and Britain. He said that it was not the restoration of currencies to pre-war values that was needed but the stabilisation of exchanges at any figure. This was only attainable when a term was put on inflation. He emphasised the difficulties of working export and credit schemes and concluded by advising British manufacturers and exporters to seize the moment to make preparations for a revival of the old trade demand which he believed we would see before many months, especially looking to the Dominions.

RUSSIAN COMMERCIAL DEPUTATION TO SWEDEN.

STOCKHOLM, January 16.

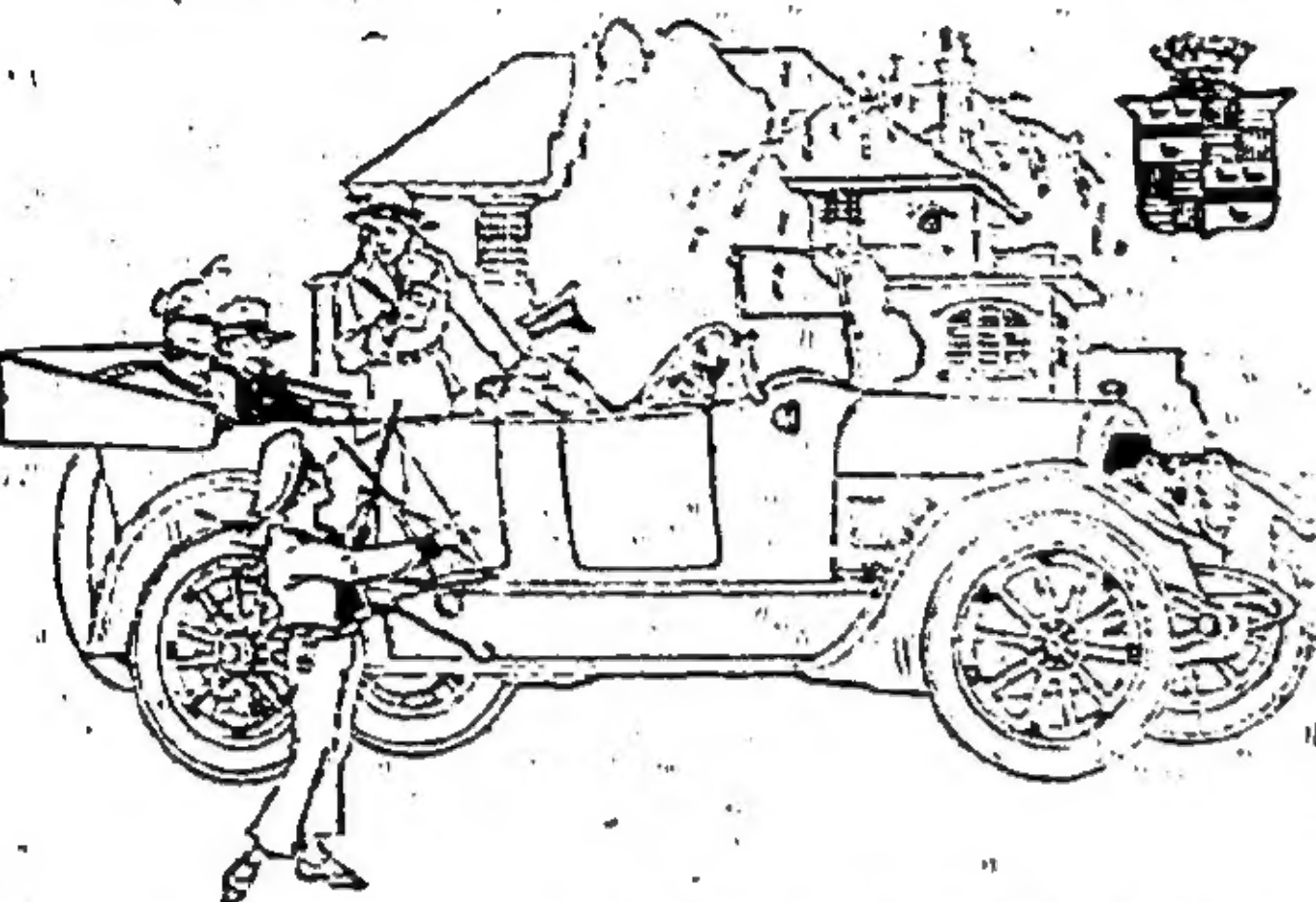
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JUDGMENT FOR DEFENCE.

COUNTER CLAIM ABANDONED.

Judgment for the defence was given in the suit of R. Negre against Joe Moraes for \$7,799, involving needles that were said to be of German manufacture, by the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Gompertz, in the Supreme Court this morning. The suit alleged a breach of contract on the part of the defendant in failing to take delivery of 50 cases of needles.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. Crew, appeared for the plaintiff; Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. Hind, appeared for the defendant. At the opening of Court, Mr. Potter resumed his argument for the defence. He denied that the fact the defendant had asked the plaintiff to resell the goods constituted an acceptance. The defendant, he pointed out, had never had possession of the goods. "Everything the defendant had done had been on the assumption that the goods satisfied the warranty, which was that the needles were of German manufacture and the original 'Cock on Crown' brand. He presented a number of authorities, including a case in which it was held that even if there had been specific goods and possession had been taken, the goods might be rejected.

If a person accepted goods and said that he would take the risk, it would be another matter, Mr. Potter said. In this instance everything the defence had done had been on the faith that the goods satisfied the warranty. There was not a suggestion in the case that the defendant had intended to take the goods for anything other than what they were tendered to be. It was not a case of accepting goods and keeping them past the due date of delivery. Everything done by the defendant had been done before the date of delivery and while the goods were still in the possession of the seller. It was only an acceptance when one took the goods and disposed of them in such a way that they could not be returned to the seller, or when they were taken without regard to the fact whether the conditions were satisfied or not.

NORTH CHINA FAMINE.

\$10 SAVES A LIFE.

URGENT APPEAL TO HONGKONG.

The following telegram has been received by His Excellency the Governor from His Majesty's Minister at Peking:—

"Warmest thanks for Government grants for famine relief. Millions are facing death from starvation. Available funds are totally inadequate and position now desperate. Money urgently required. Government earnestly begged to make appeal to people and open subscription lists in newspapers and elsewhere. Ten dollars saves a life. Expenditure under closest supervision. Kindly wire remittances periodically for famine relief to the Treasurer, British Legation, Peking."

The Colonial Treasurer will be pleased to remit to His Majesty's Minister by telegraph any contributions sent to him.

actually been "Cock on Crown" brand they must either have been imported with the permission of the holder of the trade mark, or they could have been seized. He inquired of the Court whether it could be found as a fact on the plaintiff's case that the needles had been made in Germany and that they were the true "Cock on Crown" brand—i.e. Jenken's brand, as they were called on the face of them.

His Lordship said that he regretted very much that he had to find the plaintiff was not entitled to his claim. In his opinion, Mr. Potter was right, and there was really no evidence on which a jury could find on the facts that the needles were of German origin and the "Cock on Crown" brand. He might give a short written judgment, which would only mean more delay and expense.

"As I have no doubt, I shall give my judgment now. Judgment for defendant." The defence had submitted a counter-claim for \$6,250, on the ground that the plaintiff had sold the goods elsewhere before the date of delivery, thus causing the defendant to lose the opportunity of accepting an advantageous offer. Mr. Potter announced, following the judgment, that he would like to have the counter-claim stand. If the case went no further, on appeal, nothing more would be heard of the counter-claim. Mr. Jenkin said he could be no party to the counter-claim standing over. It was then arranged that Counsel should meet the Acting Chief Justice in chambers. At this conference the defence abandoned the counter-claim, and Mr. Jenkin, for the plaintiff, applied for judgment in his behalf.

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DINNER TO MR. HILL.

HEAD BAILIFF GOING ON LEAVE.

AN ENJOYABLE FUNCTION.

A dinner in honour of Mr. A. W. Hill, the popular head bailiff of the Supreme Court, prominent in Masonic activities, and one of the best-known residents of the Colony, was given at the Astor House last night by the bailiffs of the Court. Mr. Hill is departing on leave on Sunday, and the occasion was for the purpose of wishing him a pleasant journey and safe return. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and several complimentary speeches were made.

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Dessert
Mr. Thomas O'Sullivan acted as Chairman. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Hill, the guests of honour, those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. O'Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Stainfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. Castilho, and Sub-Inspector W. W. Cooper.

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POSSESSION OF OPIUM.

BOATMAN GOES TO JAIL.

A fine of \$20,000 and six months' imprisonment with hard labour was the sentence passed by Magistrate Orme this morning on the boatman who was yesterday remanded on a charge of having unlawful possession on board his sampan, in the harbour, of 4,315 tals of prepared non-Government opium, and 140 tals of raw opium, valued at \$58,000. In default of payment of the fine the accused is to serve a further 12 months. The opium was confiscated.

Mr. J. M. Hall, who yesterday appeared for the defence, while admitting that the opium was on the boat, pleaded that his client was deceived by the smuggler who had hailed him from shore and employed him to take parcels to a ship in the fairway. This client undertook to do without knowing the contents of the parcels.

The Magistrate pointed out that the onus was on the defence to prove innocence. Mr. Hall said that his client could not possibly have known the contents of the parcels unless he examined them. "If he examined every far's luggage, would it be possible for him ever to get a job? Counsel said that he might himself at any time be given a parcel by a client and accept it in good faith, without troubling to examine it, and the next minute be arrested by the police for carrying contraband.

The Magistrate: Would you accept a parcel from a client at 4 a.m.?" Mr. Hall admitted that he would not, but at the same time submitted that the offence was a technical one in that it was committed unconsciously.

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